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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DECISION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) TO ADD WATERS TO FLORIDA'S SECTION 303(d) LIST

This notice announces the availability of an EPA decision identifying water quality limited segments and associated pollutants in Florida to be listed pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d)(2), and requests public comment. Section 303(d)(2) requires that states submit, and EPA approve or disapprove, lists of waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards and for which total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) must be prepared. On September 2, 2009, EPA partially approved Florida's list submittal for the 2009 listing cycle, approving Florida's listing of an additional 2245 waters, associated pollutants, and associated priority rankings. EPA also independently determined that an additional 34 water quality limited segments (WQLS) should have been included on the list, and has added those waters to Florida's Section 303(d) list.

If you want to comment on EPA's addition of 34 WQLS to Florida's Section 303(d) list, you are invited to submit your comments in writing no later than October 23, 2009. Please submit your comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Protection Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Pollution Control and Implementation Branch. Ms. Cole may also be contacted via phone at (404) 562-9437 or electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov. Oral comments will not be considered.

Copies of EPA's decision concerning Florida's list that explain the rationale for EPA's decisions can be obtained at EPA Region 4's web site at the following URL address:

http//www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/florida/

or by writing, calling or emailing Ms. Cole at the address, phone number or electronic mail address provided above. Underlying documentation comprising the record for these decisions is available for public inspection at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole at (404) 562-9437, to schedule a time for that review. Any changes to EPA's action will be announced after Agency review of comments provided.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4

Date